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Procurement in Punjab
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) failed to achieve its target for procurement and lifting of foodgrains in Punjab;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to procure the entire produce offered by the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) The targets for procurement of rice & wheat (in central pool) for last marketing season in Punjab were 82 lakh MT & 120 lakh MT respectively by State Government agencies and Food Corporation of India (FCI). The actual procurement against the total market arrivals were as under :

(in lakh MT)

Market Arrival Procurement

Rice

(Kharif Marketing Season 14-15) 79* 78

Wheat

(Rabi Marketing Season 15-16) 105.06 103.43

* paddy in terms of Rice

As procurement always fluctuates based on the crop production & market situation in a particular season, the procurement of around 99% of the total market arrivals i.e. marketable surplus by State Government agencies & FCI, in Punjab is a good performance, even though it is short of the targets fixed.

(c): The steps taken to procure the entire produce offered by the farmers are at Annex-I.
